indulging in infiltration of large groups of people in pursuit of employment etc. in each others country.

Losses by NTC Mills

320. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of of loss incurred by each unit of the National Textile Corporation during the last three years, yearwise ;

(b) what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to revive the units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) A Statement showing the profit/loss incurred by NTC Mills during the years 1986-87 to 1988-89, year wise and millwise, is attached. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 15)

(b) The main reasons for continuous losses of NTC Mills are givenbelow :—

(i) old and obsolete machinery ;

(ii) excess labour force ;

(iii) increase in input costs like cotton, dyes and chemicals, power and fuel etc. ;

(iv) in-adequacy of investment in modernisation ;

(v) lack of working capital funds.

(c) Recently, NTC has formulated a turn-around strategy based on selective modernisation with the help of institutional finance, restructuring/amalgamation of unviable units, closure of uneconomic activities, product improvement and diversification, rationalisation of excess labour force on the basis of voluntary resignations, upgradation of selected mills into export oriented units etc.

Opening of New Branches of Banks in Rural Areas

321. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to open more branches of banks in rural areas;

(b) what is the number of branches opened during the last two years, year-wise bankwise and Statewise ;

(c) what is the number of branches of each bank working at present, Statewise and bankwise; and

(d) what is the number of branches likely to be opened during the next two years in each State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI) : (a) and (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90, 5360 eligible rural and semi-urban centres have been allotted to commercial banks including Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). Out of these centres, banks have opned branhces at 3289 rural and semi-urban centres upto 20-6-1989. The branches at the remaining 2071 rural and semi-urban centres are yet to be opened under the current Branch Licensing Policy Period. In view of the Service Area Approach to rural l ending, 1236 additional centres have also been allotted to various banks for opening branches in various States. Since there current Branch Licensing Policy is due to expire on 31-3-1990, it is not possible at this stage to

assess the number of branches likely be opened during the next two years till the new Policy is evolved.

(b) Statewise and bankwise number of branches opened by banks during the last two years will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

(c) State wise and bankwise total number of branches of commercial banks functioning in the country as on 30-9-1988 are indicate in the enclosed statmets I & II, respectively.

Statement I

State-wise position of commercial bank branches in the country as on 30th September, 1988

Sl. No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	Total No. of branches
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4342
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	57
3.	Assam	1040
4.	Bihar	4362
5.	Goa	253
6.	Gujrat	3183
7.	Haryana	1230
8.	Himachal Pradesh	630
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	731
10.	Karnataka	4060
11.	Kerala	2782
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3933
13.	Maharashtra	5139
14.	Manipur	67
15.	Meghalaya	137
16.	Mizoram	50
17.	Nagaland	68
18.	Orissa	1831
19.	Punjab	2061
20.	Rajasthan	2799
21.	Sikkim	25
22.	Tamil Nadu	4085
23.	Tripura	147
24.	Uttar Pradesh	7808
25.	West Bengal	3700
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Isands	16
27.	Chandigarh	107
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	6
29.	Daman & Diu	10
30.	Delhi	1069
31.	Lakshadweep	5
32.	Pondicherry	66
	TOTAL	55797

Statement II

Bankwise position of Commercial Bank Branches in the country as on 30th September, 1988

S. No.	Name of Bank	No. of branches
1	2	3
1.	State Bank of India	7707
2.	State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	638
3.	State Bnak of Hyderabad.	630
4.	State Bank of Indore	287
5.	State Bank of Mysore	476
6.	State Bank of Patiala	538
7.	State Bank of Saurashtra	305
8.	State Bank of Travancore	587
9.	Allahabad Bank	1440
10.	Andhra Bank	880

1	2	3
11.	Bank of Baroda .	2039
12.	Bank of India .	1981
13.	Bank of Maharashtra	1013
14.	Canara Bank .	1911
15.	Central Bank of India	2628
16.	Corporation Bank .	420
17.	Dena Bank . .	1002
18.	Indian Bank . .	1142
19.	Indian Overseas Bank	1119
20.	New Bank of India.	567
21.	Oriental Bank of Commerce . .	490
22.	Punjab & Sind Bank	652
23.	Punjab National Bank	2585
24.	Syndicate Bank .	1453
25.	UCO Bank . .	1743
26.	Union Bank of India	1691
27.	United Bank of India	1146
28.	Vijaya Bank . .	689
29.	Regional Rural Banks	13665
30.	Other Indian Scheduled Commercial Banks . . .	4198
31.	Foreign Bank .	136
32.	Non-Scheduled Banks	39
	TOTAL .	55797

Seizure of Heroin

322. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 5th July, 1989 regarding seizure of 7 kg. of heroin in New Delhi on the 4th July, 1989 ;

(b) if so, whether any arrests have been made in this connection ;

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the culprits ;

(d) how many cases of heroin smuggling were detected during the last two years and how much heroin was seized in each case ; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per information received from Delhi police, 7 kgs. of heroin was seized on 30th June, 1989 by them at Delhi main railway station. Two persons, in all, had been arrested in this connection, and they have been remanded to judicial custody.

(d) and (e) The number of cases of heroin smuggling along with quantities seized in 1987, 1988 and 1989 (upto June) are given below :—

(in kilograms)

	1987		1988		1989* (upto 30-6-89)	
	No. of cases	Quantity	No. of cases	Quantity	No. of cases	Quantity
Heroin	351	2,747	489	3,029	125	1,262

*Provisional.

Appropriate action, as deemed fit, under the relevent laws has been taken by the Government in each case.